

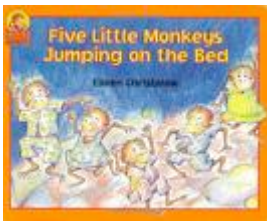
PRESCHOOL NEWS

March
2011

Mrs. Houldsworth's Class

IMPORTANT DATES

March 9th - PTA Meeting at 6:30



Themes This Month

In March our focus will be on mischievous monkeys. We will read the books Caps For Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina and learn how the monkeys made the peddler very angry. We will also read Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow as well as some H. A. Rey stories about Curious George.

Look for our monkeys on our classroom bulletin board.

We will take some time to learn about March, the windy month and decorate kites. Look for them outside our classroom door.

Our color this month is orange.

Happy Spring!

Vocabulary Words

We will be working on the following new vocabulary words to go along with our "monkey" theme. Please take some time to talk about and use the following words at home. Various names for hats such as baseball cap, visor, helmet, sun hat, top hat, hardhat, beanie, and bonnet. The words "peddler" and "wares", will be new words from the story Caps for Sale.

Letter Learning

Learning the names of the alphabet letters - like all early learning - is best done in the context of what is meaningful to young children. In preschool many children learn the letters of their own name, and letters associated with friend's names, all which have a great deal of meaning and importance to them. Research shows that for most children, associating names and sounds with the alphabet comes before conventional reading.

At school, students are encouraged to read classmate's names, asked to find letters in our morning message, and are exposed to letter sounds through phonemic awareness lessons. Print in the classroom is written next to photos of materials on the shelves. Attention is drawn to words and letters when reading stories and finger-play/song charts.

There are many enjoyable ways for young children to learn about letters. At home or out together, a parent can point out letters and words that are likely to be of special interest to your child, such as letters on favorite food boxes, and letters on street signs. Use magnetic letters on the refrigerator door while singing the alphabet song. After you have read a book to your child go back through the book to look for the beginning letter of your child's name. How many times can you find it in the story?

Most of all make it FUN!

Remember children learn through play.

PLEASE HELP US OUT

This month we will be looking for:

- Disinfecting wipes to clean tables